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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



### "Palestinian Family Appeals for Information about Condition of Forcibly-Disappeared Father, His 2 Sons in Syria"

- Efforts Underway to Bring Life Back to Normal in Yarmouk Camp
- Vaccine Doses Provided to Residents of AlHusainiya Camp
- Palestinian Refugee Commits Suicide in Syria Displacement Camp
- 2 Palestinian Refugees Win Cage Fighting Competition

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## Latest Developments

The family of Palestinian refugee Mohamed Lutfi Yakoob has appealed for information about the condition of Mohamed and his two sons Ahmad and Amjad, who have been forcibly disappeared by the Syrian regime for the seventh consecutive year.

In appeals emailed to AGPS, the family said Mohamed was arrested in AlZahira on June 16, 2015 while his son Ahmad was arrested on May 26, 2016 in Jaramana Camp. Amjad was detained at a checkpoint in AlKazaz area on September 08, 2015.

AGPS has documented the secret detention of 1,797 Palestinian refugees in state-run penal complexes across war-torn Syria, among them 110 women and girls.

AGPS has also documented the death of over 600 Palestinian refugees under torture in Syrian government lock-ups, including women, children, and elderly civilians.

Affidavits by ex-detainees provided evidence on the involvement of Syrian government officers in harsh torture tactics, including electric shocks, heavy beating using whips and iron sticks, and sexual abuse against Palestinian detainees, in a flagrant violation of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, commonly known as the United Nations Convention against Torture (UNCAT).



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In another development, the Syrian regime has reportedly given greenlight for signing rental contracts for residential and commercial structures in Yarmouk Camp as part of efforts to rehabilitate the camp and bring life back to normal.

At the same time, the Syrian Education Ministry Darem Tabaa' has given instructions for the reconstruction of a government-run school in Yarmouk Camp.

This came in a meeting with a Palestinian political delegation.

Recently, Syrian authorities have reportedly granted 4,200 permits to families wishing to return to Yarmouk Camp, south of Damascus, and retrieve their property in two months. 1,800 reconstruction permits have also been issued.

Meanwhile, UNRWA in Syria has provided more anti-coronavirus vaccine doses in AlHusainiya Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq.

The residents will start receiving vaccines as of Sunday, February 27, at the local clinic.

Over recent months, AGPS has warned of an unabated outbreak of COVID-19 in Palestinian refugee camps in Syria, where limited access to running water, pharmacies and medical facilities means displacement camps are more susceptible to the spread of the highly infectious virus.



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Displacement camps set up in northern Syria are especially vulnerable as most hospitals and medical facilities have been bombed, rendering them out of order.

In the meantime, a Palestinian refugee was found hanged at his family house in Khan Esheih Camp, in Rif Dimashq, after he was stripped of his mobile phone over addiction concerns.

Khalil Malek AlHaj, an 8

grade student, committed suicide. His father is incarcerated in Syrian prisons since 2014.

The war has resulted in increasing rates of juvenile delinquency, unemployment, and psychological disorders.

Reports of drug consumption and trafficking have also increasingly emerged in displacement camps set up for Palestinian refugees in Syria

Daily scenes of destruction and bloodshed in Syria forced dozens of helpless civilians, among them children, to consume drugs and sniff glue, among other life-threatening substances, as a means to get over the trauma inflicted by the unabated warfare. Drug use, which starts as a way to escape, quickly makes their life worse.

Drug distribution is often carried out by children aged below 18 and members of cash-strapped and vulnerable families who are exploited by illicit drug trafficking networks which are subject to drug prohibition laws.



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Upon more than one occasion, the UN has raised alarm bells over the striking upsurge in the rate of school dropouts among the Palestinians of Syria, several among whom have left schools to help feeding their impoverished families in unemployment-stricken refugee camps.

In another development, Palestinian refugee Kinan Ghazi Dha'if snatched the gold medal for 93 kg at the republic championship in the mixed martial arts (MMA), also referred to as cage fighting, held by the Kickboxing and Muay Thai Federation in Al-Jalaa Sports Hall in Damascus.

Kinan was born and raised in AlAyedeen Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Homs.

Palestinian refugee Yousef Barbabr also the won first place in the championship, for 76 kg. He is a resident of AlAyedeen camp in Hama.